

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of: **Confirmation Number: 7465**  
**McKinnon, et al.** **Group Art Unit: 2145**  
Serial No.: **09/800,608** **Examiner: Duong, Thomas**  
Filed: **March 7, 2001** **Docket No.: A-8975 (191930-1430)**

For: **Solicitations for Allocations of Access Across a Shared Communications Medium**

**RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The non-final Office Action mailed April 20, 2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.

## **AMENDMENTS IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION**

The following is a marked-up version of the specification with the language that is underlined (“      ”) being added and the language that contains strikethrough (“”) being deleted:

For the paragraph beginning page 1, line 5:

This U.S. patent application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/205,963, which was filed on May 19, 2000, and which is incorporated herein by reference. This application also incorporates herein by reference each of seven other U.S. patent applications to McKinnon et al. filed concurrently herewith in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office and respectively bearing serial numbers 09/      ,       ; 09/      ,       ; 09/      ,       ; 09/      ,       ; 09/      ,       ; and 09/      ,       , 09/800,717; 09/800,735; 09/800,803; 09/800,861; 09/800,981; 09/800,674; and 09/801,155, each of which relates to allocating access across a shared communications medium and is similarly titled.